WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claim 1. A bingo card comprising:

a) a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix having seven rows and seven columns;

b) a first indicia designating a portion of the matrix comprising five contiguous rows and five contiguous columns whereby a five-by-five bingo game can be played thereon; and

c) a second indicia designating a portion of the matrix comprising two contiguous rows and two contiguous columns whereby, when combined with the first indicia, a seven-by-seven bingo game can be played thereon.

Claim 2. A bingo apparatus comprising:

a) a bingo card having:

1) a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix having seven rows and seven columns;

2) a first indicia designating a portion of the matrix comprising five contiguous rows and five contiguous columns whereby a five-by-five bingo game can be played thereon; and

3) a second indicia designating a portion of the matrix comprising two contiguous rows and two contiguous columns whereby, when combined with the first indicia, a seven-by-seven bingo game can be played thereon;

b) a plurality of bingo balls.

Claim 3. The bingo apparatus of Claim 2 in which the plurality of bingo balls comprises more than seventy-five bingo balls.

Claim 4. The bingo apparatus of Claim 3 in which a first portion of the bingo balls are marked with a first indicia, a second portion of the bingo balls are marked with a second indicia and a third portion of the bingo balls are marked with a third indicia.

Claim 5. The bingo apparatus of Claim 4 in which the first indicia is a first color, the second indicia is a second color and the third indicia is a stripe.

Claim 6. The bingo apparatus of Claim 2 in which a first portion of the bingo balls are marked with a first indicia, a second portion of the bingo balls are marked with a second indicia and a third portion of the bingo balls are marked with a third indicia.

Claim 7. The bingo apparatus of Claim 6 in which the first indicia is a first color, the second indicia is a second color and the third indicia is a stripe.

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Claim 8.   A bingo apparatus comprising:

   a)   a bingo card having a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix having five rows and five columns;

   b)   a plurality of bingo balls in which a first portion of the bingo balls are marked with a first indicia, a second portion of the bingo balls are marked with a second indicia and a third portion of the bingo balls are marked with a third indicia.

Claim 9.   The bingo apparatus of Claim 8 in which the first indicia is a first color, the second indicia is a second color and the third indicia is a stripe.

Claim 10.   The method of playing a game of bingo comprising:

   a)   providing a player with a bingo card comprising:

   1)   a plurality of numbered spaces formed as a matrix having seven rows and seven columns;

      2)   a first indicia designating a portion of the matrix comprising five contiguous rows and five contiguous columns whereby a five-by-five bingo game can be played thereon; and

      3)   a second indicia designating a portion of the matrix comprising two contiguous rows and two contiguous columns whereby, when combined with the first indicia, a seven-by-seven bingo game can be played thereon;

   b)   providing a plurality of bingo balls each having individual numbers corresponding to the numbered spaces on the bingo card;

   c)   a player making a first wager to be eligible for the five-

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15. by-five bingo game and a second wager to be eligible for the seven-

16 by-seven bingo game,

17 d) randomly selecting consecutive bingo balls;

18 e) awarding a first preselected amount when the player

19 achieves a predetermined winning combination on the five-by-five

20 matrix of the bingo card; and

21 f) awarding a second preselected amount when the player

22 achieves a predetermined winning combination on the seven-by-seven

23 matrix of the bingo card.

1 Claim 11. The method of Claim 10 further comprising:

2 a) a player making a third wager to be eligible for a

3 progressive jackpot;

4 b) designating a portion of the third wager to a separate

5 progressive jackpot pool; and

6 c) awarding the progressive jackpot pool to the player when

7 he achieves a predetermined winning combination on the bingo card.

1 Claim 12. The method of playing a game of bingo comprising:

2 a) providing a player with a bingo card having a plurality of

3 numbered spaces formed as a matrix having five rows and five

4 columns;

5 b) providing a plurality of bingo balls each having individu-

6 al numbers corresponding to the numbered spaces on the bingo card;

7 c) a player making a first wager to be eligible for the five-

8 ~~by-five bingo game,~~

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9.   d)   a player making a second wager to be eligible for a

10   progressive jackpot;

11   e)   randomly selecting consecutive bingo balls;

12   f)   awarding a first preselected amount when the player

13   achieves a predetermined winning combination on the five-by-five

14   matrix of the bingo card; and

15   g)   designating a portion of the third wager to a separate

16   progressive jackpot pool; and

17   h)   awarding the progressive jackpot pool to the player when

18   he achieves a predetermined winning combination on the bingo card.

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